

AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF BIH AND NGO SECTOR IN BIH

OVERVIEW

OF MAIN ACTIVITIES ON PROMOTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT

07.05. 2007.	<p>Agreement on Cooperation between the Council of Ministers of BiH and NGO Sector in BiH (the Agreement) adopted at the 8th session of the Council of Ministers of BiH on April 26, 2007; signed on May 7, 2007</p> <p>Signed by: dr. Nikola Spirić, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of BiH and mr.Fadil Sero, director of the Center for Promotion of Civil Society as authorized representative of Coalition of NGOs „To Work and Succeed Together“ – creator of initiative for preparation and adoption of the Agreement.</p> <p>Basic purpose and aim of the Agreement: Promotion and building of institutional mechanisms of dialogue and cooperation between the Council of Ministers of BiH and organizations of civil society (OCD) in BiH on key issues of significance for public interest and wealth of all citizens and peoples of BiH.</p> <p>Main elements of the Agreement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common principles and values of two sides who signed the Agreement that will be basis for future relations of representatives of governmental and non-governmental sector in BiH: mutual recognition of significance and role in society, independence, transparency, joint responsibility, partnership. • Institutional mechanisms of dialogue and cooperation between the Council of Ministers of BiH and OCDs: establishment of <i>Office for Cooperation with Civil Society</i> (the Office) and <i>Council for Development of Civil Society</i> (the Council) as expert or advisory bodies of the Council of Ministers for development of civil society. • Main areas of future partner cooperation: information exchange, consultations, financing, development of volunteerism and philanthropy, European Integrations, provision of services.
30. 10. 2007.	<p>Board for Civil Society was established, as advisory body for civil society and result of the signed Agreement with sole mission to work on strenghtening of <i>dialogue</i> within civil society, so as on promotion and development of institutional dialogue and cooperation between government and civil society at all levels of authority.</p>
31.03.2009.	<p>Conference held Sponsored by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of BiH, dr. Nikola Spiric, a conference named: „Strenghtening of Democratic Culture of Dialogue and Cooperation of Institutions of Authority and Civil Society in BiH - <i>Implementation of the Agreement on Cooperation between the Council of Ministers and NGO sector in BiH</i> „, was held.</p> <p>Participants : 185 representatives of government and civil society from all over of BiH.</p> <p>Basic purpose and aim: To stimulate more intense activities of representatives of the Council of Ministers and civil society in practical realization of the Agreement signed.</p>

	<p>Result – The most important conclusions of the conference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representatives of the Council of Ministers of BiH and civil society have confirmed their determination for consistent implementation of the Agreement and sent out message to the public in BiH about readiness to work together on fulfillment of responsibilities taken. Priority directions of work in implementation of the Agreement have been determined: (1) <i>establishment of the Office for Cooperation with Civil Society</i> as an expert or advisory body of the Council of Ministers of BiH responsible for issues of development of civil society (the Council), (2) continued information and education campaign for promotion and implementation of the Agreement; 3) establishment of the Team for Implementation of the Agreement; creation of long-term strategy for development of civil society in BiH; Agreed and adopted framework Action Plan for implementation of the Agreement.
<p>16.06.2009.</p>	<p>Team for Implementation of the Agreement formed (the Team) , cross-sectoral, operational body (31) responsible for planning and coordination of activities in realization of Conclusions of the Conference held on March 31, 2009 , and for overall process of implementation of the Agreement.</p> <p>Previous main activities and results of work of the Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defined and adopted strategy for implementation of the Agreement; Prepared and adopted Action Plan for Implementation of the Agreement; Collaboration with the Cabinet of Chairman of the Council of Ministers of BiH in relation with initiation of adequate procedure for establishment of the Office and the Council; Cooperation with foreign and international government and non-governmental donor agencies who support development of civil society and building of cross-sectoral cooperation; Support to process of establishment of Network „Compact Plus“;
<p>29.09.2009</p>	<p>Meeting of representatives of the Team with Chairman of the Council of Ministers of BiH, dr. Nikola Spiric</p> <p>Dr. Nikola Spiric has confirmed full determination of the Council of Ministers of BiH and his own for continuation of activities to change the Agreement, where starting point and framework would be Conclusions of the Conference „<i>Strengthening of Democratic Culture of Dialogue and Cooperation between Institutions of Authority and Civil Society in BiH - Implementation of the Agreement on Cooperation between the Council of Ministers of BiH and NGO Sector in BiH</i>“ from March 31, 2009, so as joint Action Plan for realization of these conclusions by the Team, that was prepared earlier.</p> <p>The Chairman named mr. Vojin Mijatovic, Counsellor for European Integrations and Civil Society, as authorized person of the Cabinet for collaboration with the Team in relation with implementation of the Agreement.</p>

09- 12. 2009	<p>Consultations of members of the Team with the Counsellor of Chairman of the Council of Ministers on optimal models of implementation of the Agreement in relation with establishment of: 1) the Office and 2) the Council</p> <p>Results of consultations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It has been decided that first step should be establishment of the Office that will take over coordination in process of formation of the Council; • The Team has prepared and delivered to the Council of Ministers first draft version of Law on Establishment of the Office; • Proposed by the Council of Ministers of BiH, it has been accepted as transitional solution to form joint government/non-governmental commission that would be obliged to initiate procedure for establishment of the Office, same as to create proposals of adequate documents; • Special working group of the Team has created and delivered to the Cabinet of Chairman of the Council of Ministers a Proposal of the decision on establishment of the Commission.
10-12.2009	<p>Participation in preparation and holding of founding convention of Network „Compact Plus“</p> <p>Mission: To promote and advocate for creation of stimulative environment for development of civil society and good governance in BiH, including promotion and development of cross-sectoral dialogue and cooperation through implementation of concept and practice from the Agreement.</p>
02. 2010	<p>Upon request of the Team, a new consultative meeting was held between representative of the Team and Head of the Cabinet of Chairman of the Council of Ministers, ms. Gordana Zivkovic and newly appointed counsellor to the Chairman, mr. Marko Despot.</p> <p>Basic purpose of the meeting was to remove lack of progress in realization of previous agreements.</p> <p>It was concluded to hold a new meeting of the Team and representatives of the Council of Ministers for making concrete agreements on further activities.</p>
04. 03. 2010	<p>Meeting of members of the Team with mr. Marko Despot, counsellor to the Chairman of Council of Ministers of BiH, with participation of representatives of the Government of Federation of BiH, RS and District of Brcko, and members of project team CIDI</p> <p>After conducting critical analysis of previous activities and consideration of proposal for special commission as transitional solution in process of establishment of the</p>

	<p>Office, participants have agreed that instead of the Office first next step in realization of the Agreement be establishment of the Council, based on the draft Decision on establishment of the Council delivered by the Team to the Council of Ministers in previous phase of consultations.</p> <p>Mr.Marko Despot took over obligation to hold consultations within the Council of Ministers of BiH in order to produce Proposal of the decision and procedure of its adoption,in cooperation with the Team.</p>
20.04.2010	<p>Meeting of the Team with Counsellor to the Chairman of Council of Ministers and representative of DEI</p> <p>Purpose of the meeting: To inform members of the Team on course of activities to establish the Council in accordance with conclusions of meeting from March 4, 2010, so as to consider ways to include OCDs in process of programing of Multi-year Indication Plan 2011-2013 (MIPD 2011-2013)</p> <p>Results of the meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Team has accepted to take role of facilitator in process of consultations in relation to this planning document, together with Network „Compact Plus“ and NGO Council of BiH; 2. Counsellor, mr.Marko Despot, took over obligation to speed up consultations in relation with establishment of the Council and to inform members of the Team about it.
06.2010	<p>Participation of members of the Team, Network“Compact Plus“ and NGO Council of BiH in preparation and organization of consultations in creation of MIPD 2011-2013</p>
20.04.2010	<p>In collaboration with the International Republican Institute a joint meeting of the elected representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly with Team members was held</p> <p>Joint meeting on the theme "Building the institutional mechanisms of cooperation of non-governmental organizations and the executive and legislative authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina through the implementation of the Agreement on Cooperation between the Council / Council of Ministers and the NGO sector in BiH, signed in 2007," the primary purpose and goal was to inform representatives of Parliamentary Assembly on activities, challenges and achievements in the implementation of the "Agreement" document signed in May 2007, as well as other levels of government, and to provide an opportunity for participants to share their experiences, opinions and ideas on key issues related to the further development and implementation.</p> <p>12 elected representatives from five political parties expressed their commitment for implementation of the Agreement, expressing a personal support to the process as a whole.</p>